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Proposal Introduced to Designate a Portion of M-53 as the “POW/MIA Memorial Freeway”

Sanborn bill would rename M-53 between 27 and 34 Mile

(LANSING) – In honor of Memorial Day, Senator Alan Sanborn, R-Richmond has announced the introduction of a bill that would rename the portion of M-53 between 27 and 34 Mile roads. The bill, scheduled for introduction on Tuesday, would designate the portion of M-53 that stretches through Washington and Bruce Townships as the “POW/MIA Memorial Freeway.”

“As we celebrate the Memorial Day holiday with our families and in our communities, it is important to remember those military personnel for which the day was designated--American veterans,” Sanborn said. “Those that served in our nation’s wars deserve the utmost recognition, and American Prisoners of War (POW) and those who were deemed to be Missing in Action (MIA) in particular, are not honored nearly as often as they should be.”

On Thursday, May 22, the Michigan Senate held their 9th annual Memorial Day service which included veterans from local Senate districts and featured Dr. Wayne Tucker, a former POW from Washington Township and a current constituent of Sanborn’s, as the keynote speaker. Dr. Tucker a retired Lt. Colonel, spoke about his experiences a POW during the Korean War.

Senator Sanborn, Assistant President Pro Tempore, represents Northern Macomb County and is a resident of Richmond.